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HILO RAILROAD TO BE SAVED FOR OWNERS OF BONDS

Receivership, Sale and Reorganization With Big Reduction of Fixed Charges Is Plan Formed By Committee

ACTION ON OCTOBER 1 IF COMPANY DEFAULTS

Bondholders Protective Agreement Scheme to Be Put Into Hands of Seven Well Known Local Businessmen

Complete reorganization of the Hilo Railroad Company, including first, a probable receivership and sale, then the formation of a new company with a bond issue of only \$2,500,000 bearing 5 per cent interest, as against the present outstanding issues of \$4,500,000 at 6 per cent—these are the outstanding features of the scheme worked out on behalf of investors in the project by the two committees, representing bond holders, which have been working all summer in an effort to evolve some method of saving the road.

The reduction of the bond issue to a point where fixed charges will be only \$125,000 annually, as against the fixed charges of \$270,000 every 12 months at present, will, it is thought, enable the property to struggle along until a larger tonnage is won, when all will be clear sailing. Net profits for the 12 months ending in June of this year without depreciation charges, amounted to \$213,000, so that those back of the reorganization feel confident that the road will be able to earn at least the \$125,000 bond interest, and probably part, if not all, of the preferred stock dividends.

Last spring two committees were appointed, J. R. Galt, A. F. Judd, A. Lewis, Jr., and J. Waterhouse, representing the holders of the 1901 issue of \$1,000,000 in bonds; and E. H. Wodehouse, E. I. Spalding, R. W. Shingle and A. W. T. Bottomley representing owners of the 1905 bond issue of \$3,500,000. All summer the committees have worked, and the following statement of their plan, prepared especially for the Star-Bulletin, was given out today at noon.

There is practically a certainty that the plan will be put through as outlined, for through the shareholders of the Hilo railroad hold their annual meeting on Thursday of this week, there is held to be small chance of the sum necessary for bond interest being raised by them before October 1, the date on which a receivership may legally be applied for.

Plan of Committees.

The detailed statement of the committee follows:—
"In the spring of the year which it became definitely known that the Hilo Railroad Company would probably not be in a position to pay on October 1, 1915, the interest coupons on the \$4,500,000 of 6 per cent bonds outstanding, which had become due April 1, the officials of the railroad laid the situation frankly before the representatives of the banks and trust companies of this city and certain others who represented bondholders, with the result that two committees were informally constituted—one of or repre-

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THOMPSON SENDS IN RESIGNATION; QUITS OCTOBER 1

J. Wesley Thompson, assistant United States district attorney, cabled his resignation to Washington last Friday afternoon, and though no acceptance has been received as yet, Mr. Thompson is certain that he will be relieved of the duties of his office by the date set in his cable—October 1.

"I presume there will be no trouble about having my resignation accepted," said Mr. Thompson this afternoon. "It is generally understood that another man is coming to take the place."

"Taking everything into consideration I thought it best to resign. At an early date I expect to open an office in Honolulu for the private practice of law."

It is understood that Mr. Thompson may enter a partnership, for it is well known that he has had several partnership offers of late. The man coming to take Mr. Thompson's place, according to advices from Washington, is Horace W. Vaughan of Texas, a former member of Congress.

CARDEN LEFT BIG ESTATE

A petition asking that Anna Diana Carden, widow, be appointed executrix, without bond, of the estate of John Joseph Carden, late of Honolulu, was filed in circuit court today. The estate is valued at about \$148,320 and consists of real estate in Honolulu, household furniture and stocks and bonds in Hawaiian corporations. According to the petition, the heirs are the widow, William T. Carden, John J. Carden, Jr., and E. W. Carden, sons, and Mary A. Carden, daughter.

BASEBALL RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE.
At Boston—Detroit 2, Boston 3.
At New York—Chicago 2, New York 3.

At Philadelphia—First game, Cleveland 4, Philadelphia 5; second game, Cleveland 5, Philadelphia 3.

At Washington—St. Louis 0, Washington 6.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

At Pittsburgh—Brooklyn 0, Pittsburgh 0.

At Cincinnati—Boston 1, Cincinnati 4.

Other games postponed on account of rain.

HOW THEY STAND

National League

Philadelphia 79 W. 59 L. 669

Brooklyn 75 W. 64 L. 539

Boston 73 W. 66 L. 525

Chicago 64 W. 68 L. 485

Cincinnati 63 W. 72 L. 486

St. Louis 66 W. 75 L. 468

Pittsburgh 65 W. 75 L. 464

New York 63 W. 76 L. 463

American League

Boston 92 W. 4 L. 672

Detroit 90 W. 51 L. 639

Chicago 81 W. 60 L. 574

Washington 76 W. 61 L. 555

New York 63 W. 73 L. 463

St. Louis 55 W. 80 L. 408

Cleveland 55 W. 86 L. 390

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BECKLEY PAID TOO MUCH CASH INTO TREASURY

As a result of the investigation that Auditor James Beckley has been making in the last few days of the business end of the building inspectors' department, following the resignation of Deputy Fred Beckley and the rumored report of errors in his books, a conference between the auditor and A. M. Brown, city and county attorney, was held this afternoon.

Mr. Beckley reported at the conference that he had found in the treasury \$50.50 more than is called for in the books that Mr. Beckley has been keeping.

Attorney Brown said following the conference, that so far the investigation has shown clerical incompetence on the part of the resigned deputy rather than criminal intent.

"The investigation is not complete, however," says Mr. Brown, "and of course we cannot say what the final result will be. I have been informed by some persons in town that they have in their possession duplicate checks which have been given to them by Mr. Beckley, and I am to have a conference with one of these men tomorrow."

CENSOR FOUND "OTHER FELLOW" WRITING TO HIS GIRL AT HOME

Here's a good story from the report of an address by Col. Currie, of the 48th Highlanders, at Winnipeg after his return from the fighting line in France.

Many anecdotes of the base and trench were told by Col. Currie, who, referring to the censorship of soldiers' mail, told of having deputed a young officer to act on one occasion. While engaged on his new duty the officer suddenly blurted out, "Say, colonel, there's something seriously wrong here. This fellow's writing to my girl."

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TRINIDAD, C. B., Sept. 20.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., arrived here unexpectedly today for the avowed purpose of paying a visit to the plant and camps of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company, controlled by the Rockefeller interests. It is admitted that his visit was inspired by the meeting he had with "Mother" Jones, the aged woman he met during the time he was testifying before the Industrial Relations Commission last winter. She appealed to him then to make a personal visit to Colorado and see conditions in the mining camps there, declaring that the miners were oppressed by the operators.

Mr. Rockefeller is non-committal concerning the report that James J. Hill is negotiating for the purchase of the Rockefeller holdings in Colorado. Hill has denied the report, declaring that it has no foundation.

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BERLIN, Germany, Sept. 20.—The Russian army in the region of Vilna is in imminent danger of being surrounded and either annihilated or captured. The big German enveloping movement is apparently succeeding against the beaten Slavs, who are attempting to escape. The Russians are offering small resistance to the German advance, obviously being occupied in making good their retreat.

Russians Defend Dvinsk Stanchly But Germans Best in Men and Guns

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless)

LONDON, England, Sept. 20.—The Times' correspondent at Dvinsk, Russia, wires that a terrific battle has been raging continuously for three days only twelve miles away. The Russians, defending the city, are excellently entrenched and are holding off the huge masses of German assailants. The Germans have three times as many men as the Russians and maintain a vast superiority of guns over them.

Serbs Invade Austrian Soil But Are Driven Back by the Germans

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BERLIN, Germany, Sept. 20.—The war office today announced that the German forces have attacked and driven back an expedition by Serbian forces.

Archibald Denies He Knew What Dumba Said in Note Sent by Him

NEW YORK, N. Y., Sept. 20.—James F. J. Archibald, the American correspondent who was found to be carrying despatches from the Austrian ambassador to the United States, Dr. Constantin Theodor Dumba, arrived here today from England. He was met by secret service men and searched.

Archibald declares that he was not informed as to the contents of the Dumba communications which he was carrying. One of these communications was addressed to Count Burian, the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, and contained details with reference to strikes in American munition plants to prevent the Allies from getting the material contracted for.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Sept. 20.—Recalled by his government at the request of the United States, Ambassador Dumba has reserved passage on the steamer Rotterdam, sailing September 28.

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